

Senate File 2318 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2085)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the issuance of high school credit for
2 satisfactory completion of high school-level units of
3 instruction.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) The rules establishing high school graduation
4 requirements shall ~~authorize a school district or accredited~~
5 ~~nonpublic school to consider~~ provide that any student, at any
6 grade level, who satisfactorily completes a high school-level
7 unit of instruction at an attendance center in the school
8 district in which the student resides has satisfactorily
9 completed a unit of the high school graduation requirements
10 for that area of instruction, ~~and shall authorize the school~~
11 ~~district or accredited nonpublic school to~~ shall issue high
12 school credit for the unit to the student. However, if the
13 student takes a high school-level course taught by a teacher
14 licensed under chapter 272 who does not work for the school
15 district, the school district may, but is not required to,
16 issue high school credit if the student took the course prior
17 to grade nine.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill provides that under the state board of education's
22 rules establishing high school graduation requirements, any
23 student at any grade level who satisfactorily completes a high
24 school-level unit of instruction has satisfactorily completed
25 a unit of the high school graduation requirements for that
26 area of instruction, and the board's rules shall require the
27 school district to issue high school credit to the student. If
28 a student completes a high school-level course prior to grade
29 nine that is taught by a licensed teacher who is not employed
30 by the district, the school district may issue high school
31 credit. The bill eliminates accredited nonpublic schools from
32 the provision.